

FIRE PREVENTION ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF LIGHTING OF FIRES AND BURNING RUBBISH IN THE OPEN AIR, USE OF EXPLOSIVES, REQUIRING PERMITS THEREFOR, PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY IN CONNECTION WITH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND PROCESSES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District do hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION I. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, or any representative thereof, to kindle or light a fire or to use fire anywhere in the open air, or to burn brush, grass, stubble, rubbish or other combustible material anywhere in the open air in the Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District, or to blast or set off explosives in said District, without a written permit from said District, which may require reasonable precautions and impose reasonable restrictions in said permit; any person obtaining such permit shall act only in conformity with such precautions and restrictions and solely at his own risk.

SECTION II. The Chief of the Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District Fire Department, or his deputy, is hereby empowered to issue written permits to light fires, to use fire, to blast or set off explosives in said District, and to impose reasonable precautions and restrictions in any such permit. No such permit shall relieve or exonerate any person, firm or corporation from civil or criminal liability in case injury results to any person or property by reason of any such fire or blasting or setting off of explosives.

The Chief of said Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District Fire Department, or his deputy, shall have the power to refuse or postpone the issuance of a permit and to revoke a permit when necessary for the protection of life or property.

SECTION III. The days, hours, conditions, and restrictions for burning shall be set forth in and fixed by said permit.

SECTION IV. No permit shall be issued for burning in a residential area except in an approved type of incinerator equipped with a spark arrester. In a residential district every incinerator must be placed in a clear and clean area of not less than twenty (20) feet in diameter.

SECTION V. Any person, firm or corporation, who or which violates any provisions hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment in the County Jail not exceeding ten (10) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION VI. The Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District hereby incorporates by reference, as though set forth in full herein, such provisions of the Fire Prevention Ordinance recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters in its 1947 edition entitled "Suggested Fire Prevention Ordinance", as are not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance specifically set forth.

SECTION VII. If any of the provisions of this ordinance, whether specifically set forth or incorporated herein by reference, exceed the powers or authority of the Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District, they shall not invalidate or impair the effectiveness or validity of the remainder of the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION VIII. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Regularly passed and unanimously adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District, held on Tuesday, October 11, 1955, by the following Fire Commissioners:

Ayes: Frank J. Bernardo, Fred A. Simmons, Frank R. Fetter
Noes: None
Absent: None

Approved: this 11th day of October, 1955.

Frank J. Bernardo

Commissioner - President

Fred A. Simmons

Commissioner - Clerk

Frank R. Fetter

Commissioner